

Name _____ **Subordination**



Compound Sentences

In a compound sentence, both independent clauses are equally important. In a complex sentence, the independent clause contains the most important or main idea, and the **subordinate clause** contains less important, or extra, information.

DIRECTIONS: Read each set of sentences below. Create a complex sentence that uses the sentence in parentheses as a subordinate clause. Underline the **subordinate clause**.

EXAMPLE: Ellis is writing a novel. (Ellis has always wanted to write one.)
Since he has always wanted to, Ellis is writing a novel.

1. Phoebe loves her new cat. (The cat's name is George.)

2. The dogs are confused. (The dogs don't mind cats.)

3. George makes himself at home. (It is his first day here.)

4. (George has lived with dogs before.) George does not mind dogs.

5. My dogs mind George. (They have never lived with cats before.)
